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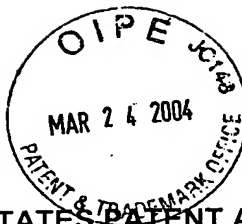
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**SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the following information is brought to the Examiner's attention.

The following five documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

European Patent Publication No. 0 795 304.

European Patent Publication No. 0 873 728.

European Patent Publication No. 0 832 618.

U.S. Patent No. 5,968,093.

Patent Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-172176. This document was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 29, 2003.

To assist the Examiner in entering the foregoing information into the record, the above-noted documents are cited on the attached form PTO-1449, with the exception of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-172176 which was cited on the form PTO-1449 which was attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 29, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed, except that a copy of the listed U.S. patent is not enclosed since it is no longer required according to the July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirement for copies of cited U.S. patents in national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003, and a copy of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-172176 was previously submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 29, 2003.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing information and to acknowledge such consideration by initialling, signing and returning the enclosed additional copy of form PTO-1449.

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